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James E. Pearson et al.

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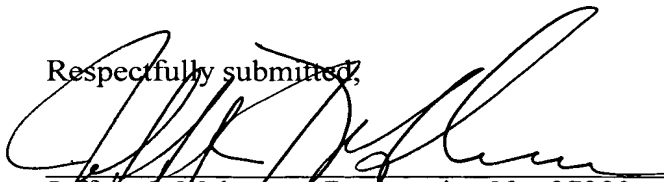
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed January 11, 2005, the applicants traverse the Examiner's statement to the extent it differs from a mere restatement of the claim language. Applicants further traverse the Examiner's statement and reasoning insofar as they would lead to or suggest, if at all, an interpretation of the claimed invention different from the full extent of claim scope afforded thereto by the established law in the absence of the statement of the reasons for allowance.

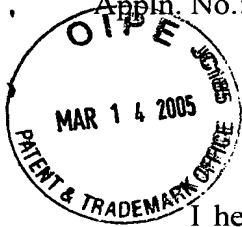
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